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For: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM
RECORDING LONGEST MARK AT
SPEED WHICH HALF OF LOWEST
GUARANTEED SPEED FOR THE
RECORDING MEDIUM

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